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Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Carroll:

Reference is made to your letter of 25 September, concerning the time period to be covered by NIE II-5/1-64 and the need for a long-range assessment of the capacity of the Soviet economy to sustain the military establishment.

I have discussed your letter with the Chairman, Board of National Estimates, and we agree that economic estimates should be responsive to the concerns expressed in your letter.

Although little time remains for NIE II-5/1-64, it can at least incorporate the kind of material contained in the CIA project to which you referred in your letter. Additional time and effort should permit us to do more in the future.

I understand that your representatives have met with representatives of ONE, and that there is agreement on how to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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Director

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